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REPORT ON THE PROGRESS IN STRENGTHENING THE TITLE IV-E WAIVER EVALUATION

On June 26, 2007, on motion of Supervisor Don Knabe, as amended by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, the Board directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back every 30 days on the progress in strengthening the Title IV-E Waiver evaluation through effective planning, including data management and technology funding necessary to effectively measure the success of the Waiver.

As indicated in my August 13, 2007, September 20, 2007 and October 19, 2007 status reports, program staff from the Departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation are continuing to work with the CEO, Casey Family Programs Foundation (Casey) and Dr. Charlie Ferguson, and the State's Title IV-E Program Evaluator to review progress on the County's Capped Allocation Demonstration Project (CADP) to ensure protocols and programs are developed to effectively measure the County's success with the Waiver. One of the tools to be used in this effort is a Children's Social Worker (CSW)/Supervising Children's Social Worker (SCSW) Baseline Survey, which will be emailed to CSWs and SCSWs by April 1, 2008 and will identify CSW/SCSW baseline knowledge and understanding of the Waiver. Similar surveys will be conducted throughout the five-year term of the Waiver to measure the Department's success in this area.

Additionally, on March 5, 2008, DCFS provided your Board with a copy of the semi-annual Title IV-E Waiver Project Progress/Activity Report submitted to the State Department of Social Services on January 23, 2008. As indicated in the report, since the County entered into the CADP on July 1, 2007 and the implementation of the DCFS' first three sequence priorities: Expansion of Family Team Decision-Making (FTDM)

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conferences, Focused Family Finding and Engagement through pilot permanency units at three regional offices and upfront assessments on high-risk cases, the Department's total caseload for out-of-home foster care and Aid For Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) has decreased. Further, Probation has identified two first sequence implementation priorities: Enhanced Cross-systems Case Assessment and Case Planning, Expansion of Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) and Functional Family Therapy (FFT) which are currently underway and have served 96 youths and their families.

DCFS and Probation have established Title IV-E Waiver Teams for project coordination, updates and planning, and also participate with the CEO on the Title IV-E Steering Committee. These collaborative efforts have been essential in allowing the Departments to make critical changes in the way child welfare services are provided to children and families in Los Angeles County.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Brian Mahan at (213) 974-1318.

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